

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Updates

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**Public Safety Interoperable
Communications Office**

AIRS Narrowbanding Status and Impact on AIRS AZ



- Early tests indicated narrowbanded LMRs and base stations can operate using wideband AIRS repeaters within tolerable limits of clarity and distance.
- As of September 1, the narrowband conversion is complete on all AIRS Suites.
- Issues Presented by AIRS AZ:
 - Black Metal – AIRSAZ removed to support shared AIRS regions; AIRS2 and AIRS4 supported from a single tower
 - Mohave – persistent interference issues across multiple towers
 - Wallow & Monument fires - crosstalk issues
- Therefore, as each site has been touched, AIRSAZ has been disabled.

Approved Action Items



- Communications Unit Program Documentation
 - COML Recognition Procedure – Presented today for PSCC approval
 - NIMS-CU Workgroup Policies & Procedures – presentation today covers high level of these policies as well.
- Interoperable Channels
 - Revised Arizona Interoperable Channels Plan & Revised AIRS SOP – Presentation regarding changes approved; SOP presented today for PSCC approval
- Updated Approved Policies and Procedures to Reflect the PSIC Office Transition to ADOA - approved

Update: Comm Unit Training Program



- ADEM NIMS ICS All-Hazards Position Specific Training Update
 - Reviewed ADEM's Training Program
 - Reviewed policies and procedures developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) for delivering the courses included in the program.
 - Reviewed updates to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) All-Hazards COML training standard operating procedures
- Upcoming COML Training in Arizona
 - PSIC Office will host at least three COML Classes
 - COML Class Schedule to be developed based on responses to the COML Training Interest Survey that was conducted in July

AZ Communications Unit Training Coordination Procedure



- Serves as a guide for offering consistent and timely delivery of Communications Unit Training Courses statewide to qualified individuals.
- Documents the process that the PSIC Office and ADEM will follow when agencies interested in hosting Communications Unit related trainings request a delivery of an approved course.
- Update In Process based on federal changes
- Draft will be presented at 10/18/11 SIEC meeting for approval

Next SIEC Meeting



October 18, 2011, 10 AM to 12 PM

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100 N 15th Ave., Phx, AZ 85007



Questions?
Discussion

Thank You!